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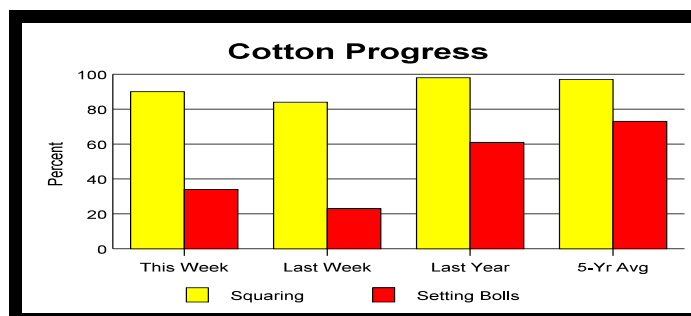
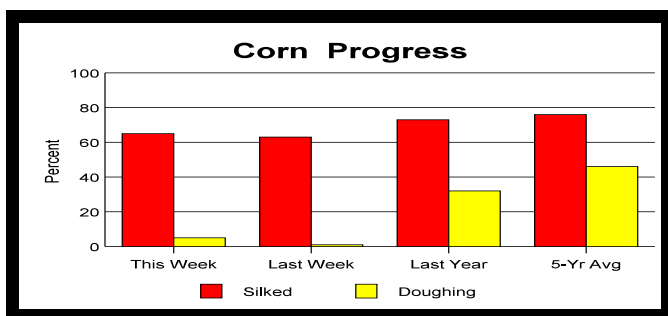
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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 24, 2005

NEW MEXICO: There were 7 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 31% very short, 53% short, 14% adequate and 2% surplus. Wind damage was 7% light and 9% moderate. Hail damage was 10% moderate. Farmers were busy irrigating and harvesting crops with very good alfalfa and wheat yields reported. Alfalfa was in mostly fair to excellent condition with 91% of the third cutting complete and 43% of the fourth cutting complete. Cotton was 90% squared, 34% setting bolls and condition was reported as 9% very poor, 6% poor, 51% fair, 16% good and 18% excellent. Corn was 65% silked and 5% doughed and condition was reported as 10% poor, 37% fair, 47% good and 6% excellent. Sorghum was 11% headed and condition was 5% very poor, 22% poor, 53% fair, 19% good and 1% excellent. Peanuts were in fair to excellent condition with 82% pegged. Chile pod set was 3% light and 97% average and conditions were reported as 4% very poor, 10% poor, 25% fair, 50% good and 11% excellent. Onions were 90% harvested. Apples were in very poor to fair condition. Pecans were in fair to excellent condition. Some ranchers had to move feeders from pastures due to the lack of moisture and grass growth. Livestock condition in Eddy county is dropping due to unusual hot and dry weather. Cattle was reported as 11% poor, 28% fair, 46% good and 15% excellent. Sheep were 4% very poor, 18% poor, 33% fair, 24% good and 21% excellent. Range and pasture was reported as 8% very poor, 23% poor, 43% fair, 24% good and 2% excellent.

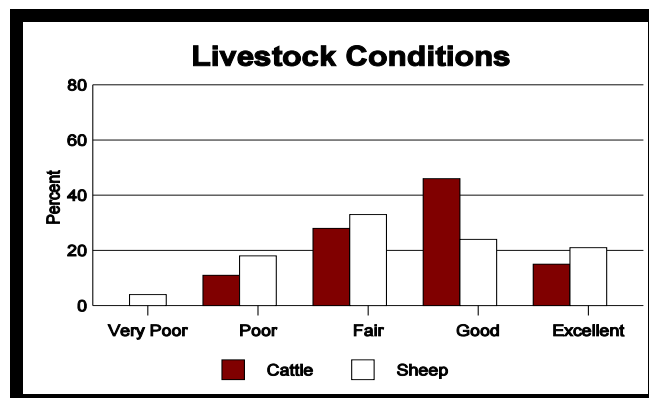
CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

| CROP PROGRESS | | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Year Average |
|----------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| CORN | Silked | 65 | 63 | 73 | 76 |
| CORN | Doughing | 5 | 1 | 32 | 46 |
| COTTON | Squaring | 90 | 84 | 98 | 97 |
| COTTON | Setting Bolls | 34 | 23 | 61 | 73 |
| ONIONS | Harvested | 90 | 80 | 100 | 91 |
| PEANUTS | Pegging | 82 | 64 | 84 | 61 |
| SORGHUM | Headed | 11 | 7 | 6 | 8 |



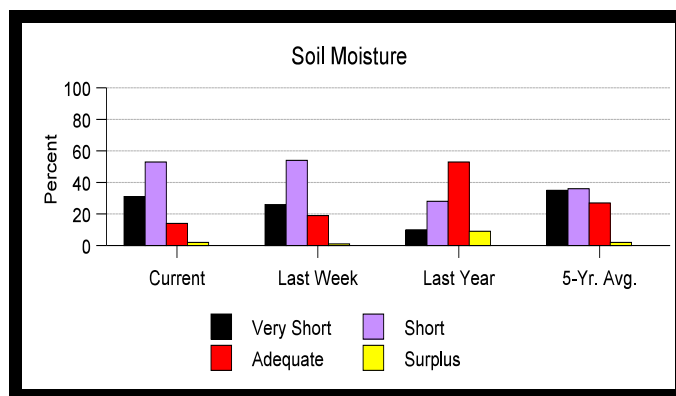
CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Alfalfa | -- | 1 | 37 | 41 | 21 |
| Apples | 30 | 50 | 20 | -- | -- |
| Chile | 4 | 10 | 25 | 50 | 11 |
| Corn | -- | 10 | 37 | 47 | 6 |
| Cotton | 9 | 6 | 51 | 16 | 18 |
| Peanuts | -- | -- | 11 | 66 | 23 |
| Pecan | -- | -- | 14 | 45 | 41 |
| Sorghum (All) | 5 | 22 | 53 | 19 | 1 |
| Cattle | -- | 11 | 28 | 46 | 15 |
| Sheep | 4 | 18 | 33 | 24 | 21 |
| Range/Pasture | 8 | 23 | 43 | 24 | 2 |



SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| Northwest | 15 | 77 | 8 | -- |
| Northeast | 32 | 51 | 16 | 1 |
| Southwest | -- | 100 | -- | --- |
| Southeast | 43 | 38 | 17 | 2 |
| State Current | 31 | 53 | 14 | 2 |
| State-Last Week | 26 | 54 | 19 | 1 |
| State-Last Year | 10 | 28 | 53 | 9 |
| State-5-Yr Avg. | 35 | 36 | 27 | 2 |



WEATHER SUMMARY

Temperatures were near normal in the southeast but above normal elsewhere, especially the far northwest where Farmington was 9 degrees above normal. Farmington reached 105 on the 20th and 21st, the highest temperature ever recorded. The summer thunderstorm season had a fairly good week, with most areas getting some moisture from hit and miss thunderstorms. Carrizozo was the big winner with 2.24 inches of rain. Silver City had rain on the 20th and 21st but failed to measure it.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS - JULY 18 - 24, 2005

| Station | Temperature | | | Precipitation | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|---------|---------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | Mean | Maximum | Minimum | 07/18 07/24 | 07/01 07/24 | Normal Jul | 01/01 07/24 | Normal Jan-Jun |
| Farmington | 82.8 | 105 | 62 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.94 | 4.96 | 4.31 |
| Gallup | 77.3 | 98 | 55 | 0.21 | 0.29 | 1.91 | 6.92 | 6.10 |
| Capulin | 71.0 | 91 | 49 | 0.79 | 0.96 | 3.25 | 10.93 | 10.52 |
| Chama | 68.6 | 92 | 46 | 0.80 | 2.42 | 2.24 | 17.47 | 11.08 |
| Johnson Ranch | 73.9 | 99 | 51 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 1.66 | 5.66 | 5.43 |
| Las Vegas | 72.1 | 92 | 52 | 0.22 | 0.62 | 3.20 | 10.79 | 9.60 |
| Los Alamos | 72.1 | 90 | 56 | 0.28 | 1.50 | 3.25 | 10.78 | 9.66 |
| Raton | 72.6 | 95 | 49 | 0.58 | 1.66 | 2.66 | 10.48 | 9.82 |
| Red River | 62.2 | 85 | 41 | 0.17 | 0.74 | 3.01 | 14.92 | 11.93 |
| Santa Fe | 74.1 | 94 | 54 | 0.12 | 0.17 | 2.38 | 7.63 | 7.64 |
| Clayton | 80.4 | 100 | 63 | 0.00 | 0.13 | 2.70 | 9.31 | 9.00 |
| Clovis | 80.6 | 98 | 64 | 0.00 | 1.95 | 2.56 | 8.68 | 9.57 |
| Roy | 75.9 | 94 | 58 | 0.00 | 1.15 | 2.97 | 10.72 | 9.03 |
| Tucumcari | 84.1 | 101 | 68 | 0.03 | 1.53 | 3.30 | 10.42 | 8.57 |
| Grants | 75.6 | 99 | 53 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 1.76 | 4.96 | 4.79 |
| Quemado | 72.3 | 96 | 51 | 0.29 | 0.46 | 2.37 | 5.97 | 6.56 |
| Silver City | 72.1 | 95 | 45 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.65 | 9.34 | 7.55 |
| Albuquerque | 82.6 | 99 | 67 | 0.57 | 0.87 | 1.37 | 6.81 | 4.42 |
| Carrizozo | 77.0 | 96 | 58 | 2.24 | 2.34 | 2.05 | 9.45 | 5.55 |
| Socorro | 79.0 | 97 | 61 | 0.21 | 0.27 | 1.44 | 4.55 | 3.94 |
| Gran Quivera | 74.8 | 94 | 55 | 0.77 | 1.10 | 2.81 | 9.35 | 7.52 |
| Moriarty | 73.2 | 96 | 50 | 0.26 | 0.36 | 2.38 | 7.57 | 6.37 |
| Ruidoso | 68.3 | 88 | 48 | 0.14 | 0.54 | 4.02 | 9.43 | 10.99 |
| Carlsbad | 83.0 | 102 | 66 | 0.00 | 0.11 | 1.79 | 4.68 | 5.74 |
| Roswell | 81.4 | 100 | 65 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 1.99 | 4.27 | 6.74 |
| Tatum | 78.4 | 96 | 61 | 0.00 | 0.18 | 2.52 | 6.34 | 8.69 |
| Alamogordo | 82.8 | 100 | 67 | 0.26 | 0.41 | 2.23 | 6.96 | 5.51 |
| Animas | 82.4 | 102 | 57 | 0.01 | 0.07 | 2.26 | 5.32 | 4.74 |
| Deming | 84.4 | 102 | 69 | 0.06 | 0.24 | 2.15 | 4.03 | 4.43 |
| Las Cruces | 85.6 | 100 | 68 | 0.00 | 0.25 | 1.36 | 4.60 | 3.63 |
| T or C | 84.7 | 103 | 70 | 0.28 | 0.30 | 1.86 | 3.80 | 4.44 |

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.

CATTLE INVENTORY

United States July 1 Cattle Inventory Up 1 Percent: All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2005, totaled 104.5 million head, 1 percent above the 103.6 million on July 1, 2004 and 1 percent above the 103.9 million two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.8 million, were 1 percent above the 42.5 million on July 1, 2004 and slightly above the 42.7 million two years ago.

Beef cows, at 33.8 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2004 and up slightly from two years ago.

Milk cows, at 9.05 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2004 but down 1 percent from two years ago.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2005 and the changes from July 1, 2004, are as follows:

All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.2 million, up 2 percent.

Beef replacement heifers, 5.0 million, up 4 percent.

Milk replacement heifers, 3.7 million, up 3 percent.

Other heifers, 7.5 million, down 1 percent.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.4 million, up 1 percent.

Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, up 2 percent.

Calves under 500 pounds, 29.0 million, up slightly.

All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 12.0 million, up 2 percent.

Calf Crop Up Slightly: The 2005 calf crop is expected to be 37.8 million, up slightly from 2004 but down slightly from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.5 million, up slightly from 2004 but down 1 percent from 2003.

Cattle and Calves: Number of Class and Calf Crop, U.S., July 1, 2003 - 2005

| Class | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2005 as % of 2004 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|-------------------|
| | -----1,000 Head----- | | | -----Percent----- |
| Cattle and Calves | 103,900 | 103,600 | 104,500 | 101 |
| Cows and Heifers that have Calved | 42,700 | 42,500 | 42,800 | 101 |
| Beef Cows | 33,600 | 33,500 | 33,750 | 101 |
| Milk Cows | 9,100 | 9,000 | 9,050 | 101 |
| Heifers 500 pounds and Over | 15,900 | 15,950 | 16,200 | 102 |
| For Beef Cow Replacement | 4,600 | 4,800 | 5,000 | 104 |
| For Milk Cow Replacement | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,700 | 103 |
| Other Heifers | 7,700 | 7,550 | 7,500 | 99 |
| Steers 500 Pounds and Over | 14,200 | 14,200 | 14,400 | 101 |
| Bulls 500 Pounds and Over | 2,100 | 2,050 | 2,100 | 102 |
| Calves Under 500 Pounds | 29,000 | 28,900 | 29,000 | 100 |
| Calf Crop | 37,903 | 37,625 | 37,800 | 100 |
| Cattle on Feed | 11,810 | 11,800 | 12,000 | 102 |

CATTLE ON FEED

NEW MEXICO: Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in New Mexico feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 132,000 head on July 1st, 2005. This was up 4 percent from the previous month. Placements were down 4,000 head to 26,000. Marketings were up 2,000 head to 18,000, and other disappearance totaled 3,000 head.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.4 million head on July 1, 2005. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.77 million, 7 percent above 2004 and 6 percent above 2003. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.07million, 1 percent below 2004 and 7 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during June, 10 percent below 2004 but 3 percent above 2003.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings, and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots ^{1/}

| | Number on Feed | | | Placed | | | Marketed | | | Other Disappearance ^{2/} | | |
|-----------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 7/1/04 | 6/1/05 | 7/1/05 | -----DURING----- | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 6/04 | 5/05 | 6/05 | 6/04 | 5/05 | 6/05 | 6/04 | 5/05 | 6/05 |
| | -----1,000 Head----- | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AZ | 295 | 329 | 322 | 31 | 32 | 29 | 28 | 29 | 35 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| CA | 520 | 515 | 520 | 69 | 82 | 73 | 62 | 62 | 63 | 7 | 5 | 5 |
| CO | 940 | 970 | 910 | 145 | 165 | 130 | 205 | 150 | 180 | 10 | 15 | 10 |
| ID | 240 | 245 | 260 | 47 | 61 | 70 | 60 | 54 | 54 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| IA | 390 | 435 | 415 | 50 | 55 | 49 | 59 | 73 | 68 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| KS | 2,090 | 2,280 | 2,200 | 400 | 510 | 400 | 540 | 465 | 465 | 20 | 25 | 15 |
| NE | 1,850 | 2,050 | 1,820 | 285 | 360 | 290 | 435 | 480 | 510 | 10 | 20 | 10 |
| NM | 124 | 127 | 132 | 26 | 30 | 26 | 19 | 16 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| OK | 315 | 325 | 320 | 52 | 86 | 54 | 64 | 64 | 58 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| SD | 173 | 186 | 161 | 20 | 28 | 26 | 34 | 38 | 48 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| TX | 2,760 | 2,890 | 2,950 | 455 | 750 | 550 | 495 | 480 | 480 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| WA | 165 | 137 | 142 | 37 | 26 | 41 | 41 | 34 | 35 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Oth Sts | 270 | 280 | 250 | 30 | 38 | 31 | 43 | 52 | 59 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| US | 10,132 | 10,769 | 10,402 | 1,647 | 2,223 | 1,769 | 2,085 | 1,997 | 2,073 | 70 | 96 | 63 |

* - Revised. ^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. ^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.